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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Laerz Airfield

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REMARKS

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On 3 September 1953, there was intensive air activity at Laerz airfield. At the same time, 56 swept-back jet fighters, including 16 on the eastern edge, 19 on the western edge and 21 on the southern edge were parked at the field. The total number of aircraft including those used for flying was estimated at 70. A SCR-602 Kniferest-type radar set on Sprott Mountain was in operation.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Laerz airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. The estimated total of 70 MiG-15s is believed to be correct. The radar set on Sprott Mountain was previously reported.

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